

Annual Report

—OF THE—

TOWN

—OF—

BENNINGTON

For Year Ending

February 15, 1899.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

Annual Report

—OF—

Selectmen, Treasurer, School Board, Library Trustees, Firewards,

—OF THE—

Town of Bennington,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

February 15, 1899.

Also, Tables of Vital Statistics.

ANTRIM, N. H.:

H. W. ELDREDGE, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.

1899.

INVENTORY

Of Real and Personal Property assessed on
the First of April, 1898.

183 Polls,	\$18,300
121 Horses,	6,444
8 Oxen,	340
160 Cows,	4,051
21 Neat,	348
22 Sheep,	51
3 Hogs,	18
5 Carriages,	250
Stock in Banks,	1,078
Money on hand or deposit,	3,000
Stock in trade,	16,775
Mills and Machinery,	42,100
Land and Buildings,	145,787
Aqueducts,	1,500
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	\$240,042

AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED.

By tax,	\$4,752.87
Tax rate, \$1.98 on \$100.00.	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Bennington, for the Year
Ending February 15, 1899.

SELECTMEN TO THE TOWN

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To uncollected taxes on Lawrence list, 1896,	\$ 304 13
“ “ Smith list, 1897,	352 40
“ “ “ “ 1898,	4,752 87
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	\$5,409 40

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By paying Treasurer, Lawrence list, 1896,	\$ 5 02
“ “ Smith list, 1897,	335 05
“ “ “ “ 1898,	4,075 98
Abatements, “ “ 1897,	17 35
“ “ “ “ 1898,	29 70
Uncollected Lawrence list, 1896,	299 11
“ Smith list, 1898,	647 19
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	\$5,409 40

GEORGE A. WHITEMORE, TREASURER.

To balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1898,	\$1,973 44
Cash rec'd Geo. Woodbridge, pool table license,	10 00
“ “ “ billiard table “	10 00
“ From H. A. Eaton,	10 00
“ Cyrus Philbrick, dog license,	105 00
“ County orders paid,	15 96
“ State Treasurer, insurance tax,	3 75
“ “ “ Railroad tax,	87 08
“ “ “ Savings Bank tax,	428 52
“ “ “ Literary fund,	78 60
“ O. G. Smith, tax list, 1897,	335 05
“ “ “ “ 1898,	4,075 98
“ A. B. Lawrence, tax list,	5 02
“ Gilman Foot, Janitor, 1897,	5 00
“ John Eaton, Janitor, 1898,	104 25
“ Herbert Eaton, money received from lumber sold,	2 25
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	\$7,249 90

TOWN TREASURER,

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MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid H. W. Eldredge, town reports,	\$ 26 00
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, wood,	2 00
“ “ “ plank for reservoir,	4 18
C. H. FAVOR, brick and mortar,	1 15
J. L. King, building foundation for safe,	3 25
Geo. Hunt, repairing stove, Town hall,	3 50
L. G. Hildreth, recording births and deaths,	2 50
E. C. Eastman,	1 77
Goodell Company, land for tool house,	25 00
S. D. Downes, water bills,	10 00
H. W. Wilson, appro'n for Memorial Day,	35 00
Recording deed,	64

Paid C. B. Cochrane, safe,	\$183 00
C. H. Philbrick, lamp posts to use for sign posts,	5 00
H. J. Burt, services as Constable,	2 00
Cram Bros., work in Cemetery,	3 75
M. M. Cheney, insurance on Town hall,	20 00
A. A. Ramsey, " " "	20 00
E. W. Baker, " Tool house,	3 00
E. H. Taft, disinfecting house,	5 00
C. J. Kimball Company, steel stamp,	2 30
C. H. Philbrick, check lists,	2 55
F. G. Clark, advice,	5 00
George Holt, repairs,	3 20
Postage and express,	1 50
H. A. Eaton, cash paid out,	4 54
C. S. Brown, teams,	3 00
F. A. Taylor, snowing bridge,	3 50
John Eaton, supplies Town hall,	50 81
George Messer, plow,	10 00
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	\$443 14

WATERING TUBS.

Paid F. A. Taylor,	\$3 00
Moses H. Newton,	3 00
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	\$6 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid C. S. Brown, Road Agent,	\$752 91
" " Breaking roads,	193 23
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	\$946 14

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Mrs. Fred Bartlett, Librarian to June 4, '98,	\$27 90
" " " from June 4,	
'98, to Feb. 3, '99,	17 50
A. W. Pierce,	63 10
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	\$108 50

EXPENSES NEW FLOOR TOWN HALL.

Paid C. S. Brown, moving lumber,	\$ 1 65
Cook & Co., floor boards,	68 80
" " lumber,	1 22
John King, laying floor,	50 00
Gilman Foot, work on floor,	4 00
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, skimming,	1 62
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	\$127 29

COUNTY ORDERS PAID.

Paid County Orders,	\$15 96
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ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Paid Goodell Co., electric lights from Dec. 1,	
1897, to Mar. 9, 1898,	\$127 98
Goodell Co., electric lights from May 1,	
'98, to Feb. 15, '99,	343 59
Goodell Co., electric lights, Town hall,	
Apr. 1, '97, to Apr. 1, '98,	40 00
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	\$511 57

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Jefferson Shea, care of engine,	\$25 00
" " supplies for engine,	2 30
M. M. Cheney, clerk, pay roll,	87 75
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	\$115 05

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. H. Philbrick, Town Clerk,	\$30 00
H. A. Eaton, 1st Selectman,	44 00
M. M. George, 2d “	38 39
C. H. Kimball, 3rd “	11 00
O. G. Smith, Collector,	66 16
G. A. Whittemore, Town Treasurer,	40 00
C. F. Burnham, Supervisor,	8 00
C. H. Philbrick, “	8 00
Alex Caldwell, “	8 00
H. A. Eaton, Overseer Poor,	3 00
F. B. Gould, Auditor,	2 00
C. H. Kimball, “	2 00
M. M. George, Moderator,	5 00
John Eaton, Janitor,	18 85
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	\$284 40

Paid C. H. Leighton for snow roller,	\$75 00
Freight on snow roller,	3 63
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	\$78 63

EXPENSES, TOOL HOUSE.

Paid Tripp & Tennant for lumber,	\$74 22
Freight on lumber,	7 50
Nims, Whitney & Co. for windows and frames,	6 60
G. O. Joslin, nails, oil, etc.,	5 16
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, lumber,	28 47
Victor Corsette, labor,	6 00
“ “	4 65
W. A. Burt, “	4 40
G. E. Fish, “	2 70
C. S. Brown, “	22 30
Robert Shea, “	1 50

Paid Will McCoy, labor,	\$27 80
R. V. Knight, “	22 40
George Dickey, “	80
A. A. Martin, “	4 20
G. O. Joslin, material or nails, screws, etc.,	8 67
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	\$227 37

PUBLIC TAXES.

Paid County tax,	\$702 28
State tax,	539 75
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	\$1,242 03

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Mary E. Smith, endorsed on note,	\$100 00
“ interest,	104 00
Town Bond No. 2,	100 00
Interest Bond No. 2,	2 00
Town Bond No. 8,	100 00
Interest Bond No. 8,	67
“ on Town Bonds,	208 00
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	\$614 67

Paid expenses James Shea at N. H. Asylum for Insane, board and furnishings from Sept. 3, 1898, to Dec. 31, 1898, 2 bills, \$16.04 and \$53.81,	\$69 85
Charles Bass, team to Concord,	7 50
Jefferson Shea, going to Concord and ex- pense with James Shea,	5 50
C. P. Bancroft, board and clothing James Shea from Jan. 1 to Jan. 27,	21 90
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	\$104 75

SCHOOLS.

Paid A. W. Pierce, School Treasurer,	\$1,215 00
C. F. Burnham, School Board,	10 00
F. C. Starrett, “	10 00
A. W. Pierce, School Treasurer,	5 00
M. M. Cheney, District Clerk,	5 00
Clarence Sawyer, Truant Officer,	3 00
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	\$1,248 00

CARE OF TRAMPS.

Paid Jefferson Shea, 2 bills, \$9.85 and \$16.56,	\$26 41
S. E. Staples, tramp house,	10 00
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	\$36 41

RECAPITULATION.

Money and receipts in Treasurer's hands,	\$7,249 90
Paid miscellaneous expenses,	443 14
Watering troughs,	6 00
C. S. Brown, Road Agent,	946 14
Town library,	108 50
Expense new floor in town hall,	127 29
County orders,	15 96
Electric lights,	511 57
Fire Department,	115 05
Town Officers,	284 40
Snow roller and freight,	78 63
Expense tool house,	227 37
Public taxes,	1,242 03
Notes, bonds and interest,	614 67
Expense James Shea at N. H. Asylum for	
Insane,	104 75
Schools,	1,248 00
Care tramps,	36 41
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1,139 99
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HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDEWALKS.

CALVIN S. BROWN, Road Agent.

To the Town, DR.

To cash from Town Treasurer, \$946 14

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FEBRUARY, 1898.

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Calvin S. Brown, 5 hrs.,	\$0 75	
" team, 2 days, 2 hrs.,	5 50	
George E. Fish, 2 days, 2 hours,	3 30	
Ina Cram, 5 hours,	75	
John King, 4 "	60	
C. E. Sawyer, 7 "	1 05	
Geo. A. Ross, 5 "	75	
Levi Colby,	10 00	
J. P. Curtis, Jr., 2 days,	3 00	
August Henslie, 7 hours,	1 05	
J. E. Favor, 2 days,	3 00	
E. A. Holt, 8½ hours,	1 28	
" team, 8½ hours,	2 12	
Charles Keyser, 3 "	45	
F. J. Newton, 7 "	1 05	
M. H. Newton, 2 days,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$37 65

MARCH, 1898.

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Calvin S. Brown, 2 days, 1 hour,	\$3 15	
" team, 1 day, 6 hours,	4 00	
George E. Fish, 2 days, 5 hours,	3 75	
Levi Colby,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 90

Paid C. S. Brown,	3 days, 5 hours,	\$5 25	
“ team,	2 “ 7 “	6 75	
W. F. Mallett,	2 “ 5 “	3 75	
Geo. E. Fish,	4 “ 2 “	6 30	
Gilman Foote,	3 “ 5 “	5 25	
Victor Corsette,	3 “ 9 “	5 85	
J. D. Favor, 1897 bill, 10 days, 6 hrs.,	15 90		
		<hr/>	\$49 05

APRIL, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	8 days, 1½ hours,	\$12 23	
“ team,	9 “ ½ “	22 62	
W. F. Mallet,	6 “ 3½ “	9 53	
Geo. E. Fish,	3 “	4 50	
Geo. A. Ross,	3 “ 3½ “	5 03	
Victor Corsette,	12 “ 8½ “	19 28	
M. H. Newton, for posts and poles,	4 00		
		<hr/>	\$77 19

MAY, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	13 days, 8½ hours,	\$20 77	
“ team,	27 “ 2 “	67 99	
Geo. E. Fish,	14 “ 5½ “	21 82	
Geo. A. Ross,	15 “ 6½ “	23 47	
F. A. Taylor,	6 “ 3½ “	9 52	
“ team,	6 “ 3½ “	15 87	
Victor Corsette,	11 “ 8½ “	17 77	
C. E. Sawyer,	9 “ 3½ “	14 02	
Sam Newton,	7 “ 8½ “	11 77	
W. F. Mallet,	5 “	7 50	
		<hr/>	\$210 50

JUNE, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	12 days, 9 hours,	\$19 35
“ team,	22 “ 4 “	56 00
Geo. A. Ross,	13. “ 9 “	20 85
A. A. Martin,	13 “ 4 “	20 10
C. E. Sawyer,	9 “ 9 “	14 85
Geo. E. Fish,	8 “ 9 “	13 35
Sam Newton,	4 “	6 00
		<hr/> \$150 50

JULY, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	1 day, 8 hours,	\$2 70
“ team, “ “		4 50
“ and team drawing plank,		3 85
C. P. Bartlett,	2 days, 4 hours,	3 60
A. A. Martin,	1 day, 8 “	2 70
Geo. A. Ross,	“ “	2 70
John Ainsworth,	“ “	2 70
E. M. Scarbo,	“ 4 “	2 10
D. P. Cleary,	5 “	75
A. W. Dudley,	2 “	30
F. L. Eaton,	5 “	75
Goodell Co., lumber,		29 38
		<hr/> \$56 03

AUGUST, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	3 days, 4 hours,	\$5 10
“ team,	2 “ 8 “	7 00
Geo. E. Fish,	3 “ 5 “	5 25
Geo. A. Ross,	4 “ 9 “	7 35
A. A. Martin,	1 “	1 50
C. P. Bartlett,	5 “	75
A. W. Dudley,	5 “	75
Gilman Foote, painting bridge,		9 00
Geo. A. Dickey,	“	9 00

Paid Geo. S. Holt, bill,	\$ 1 65
H. P. Kimball, bill for paint,	7 20
“ “ “ 1897,	1 00
G. O. Joslin, bill,	7 92
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, lumber,	8 45
G. E. Messer, housing road scraper,	
1897 and 1898,	2 00
	<hr/> \$73 92

SEPTEMBER, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	7 hours,	\$1 05
“ team, 5 days, 8 “		14 50
Geo. E. Fish,	3 “ 2 “	4 80
Geo. Wilson,	3 “ 5 “	5 25
A. A. Martin,	2 “ 2 “	3 30
Berlin Bridge Co., inspecting bridges,	4 00	
		<hr/> \$32 90

OCTOBER, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown, team, 10 days, 5 hours,	\$26 25
Geo. E. Fish,	7 “ 6 “ 11 40
Victor Corsette,	6 “ 7 “ 10 05
A. A. Martin,	1 “ 1 50
Gilman Foote,	2 “ 3 00
M. Barbrick,	3 “ 4 50
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, 144 ft. plank,	1 60
	<hr/> \$58 30
Received of C. E. Eaton for plank,	4 50
	<hr/> \$53 80

NOVEMBER, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	1 day, 7½ hours,	\$2 63
“ team,	7½ “	1 87
Geo. E. Fish,	1 “ 5 “	2 25
Geo. A. Ross,	1 “ 5 “	2 25
John Ainsworth,	1 “ 2 “	1 80
M. Fournier,	1 “ 2½ “	1 87
R. V. Knight,	2 “	30
Tripp & Tennant, plank,		25 96
S. D. Downes, bill,		10 09
		<hr/> \$49 02

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid C. S. Brown,	2 days,	\$3 00
“ team,	4 “	10 00
Geo. E. Fish,	2 “	3 00
Geo. A. Ross,	3 hours,	45
M. Fournier,	2 “	3 00
Victor Corsette,	2 “	3 00
E. M. Scarbo,	5 “	75
Levi Colby,		3 00
G. L. Newhall,		1 50
J. P. Curtis, Jr.,		1 50
E. A. Holt and team,		2 80
M. H. Newton, 1 day, 6 hours,		2 40
		<hr/> \$34 40

DECEMBER, 1898.

Paid C. S. Brown,	1 day, 9 hours,	\$2 85
“ team,	4 days, 3 “	10 75
F. A. Taylor,	1 day, 9 “	2 85
“ team,	1 “ 9 “	4 75
Victor Corsette,	1 “ 9 “	2 85
F. L. Dickey,	5 “	75
Geo. E. Fish,	1 “ 9 “	2 85
G. S. Holt, bill,		65
		<hr/> \$28 30

JANUARY, 1899.

Paid C. S. Brown,	3 days, 9 hours,	\$5 85	
“	team 3 “ 9 “	9 75	
F. A. Taylor,	1 day, 1½ “	1 73	
“	team, 1 “ 1½ “	2 88	
			<hr/> \$20 21

FEBRUARY, 1899.

Paid C. S. Brown,	5 days, 9 hours,	\$8 85	
“	team, 7 “ 2 “	18 00	
F. A. Taylor,	3 “ 4 “	5 10	
“	team, 3 “ 4 “	8 50	
W. E. Downes,	9 “	1 35	
“	team, 9 “	2 25	
J. B. Ainsworth,	2 “	3 00	
J. L. King,	2 “ 5½ “	3 82	
August Hansli,	2 “ 1 hour,	3 15	
Geo. A. Ross,	9 hours,	1 35	
Ruel Cram,	8 “	1 20	
Albert French,	9 “	1 35	
M. H. Newton,	7 “	1 05	
H. E. Nourse,		80	
			<hr/> \$59 77
			<hr/> \$946 14

HIGHWAY TOOLS.

1 Road Machine.
 1 Snow Roller.
 3 Iron Shovels.
 4 Snow Shovels.
 1 Plow.
 1 Iron Bar.
 3 Drills.
 2 Chains.

CALVIN S. BROWN, Agent.

TOWN HALL.

DR.

April 12, To Stove Board,	\$1 50	
“ 16, “ 11 feet Wood,	6 30	
May 26, “ Cleaning Hall,	3 00	
Dec. 1, “ 1 Cord Wood,	4 00	
“ 25, “ 4 Globes,	85	
Electric Light, Apr. 1, 1898,		
to Feb. 1, 1899,	35 16	
Feb. 15, “ John A. Eaton, Janitor,	18 85	
	<hr/>	\$69 66

JOHN A. EATON, JANITOR.

DR.

To rent of Town Hall, March,	1898,	\$10 50	
April,	“	9 00	
May,	“	9 50	
June,	“	10 75	
July,	“	3 00	
August,	“	4 50	
September,	“	11 00	
October,	“	11 00	
November,	“	17 00	
December,	“	5 00	
January, 1899,		10 00	
February,	“	3 00	
		<hr/>	\$104 25

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By Cash,	\$104 25
Balance in favor of Hall,	34 59

JOHN A. EATON.

ABATEMENTS.

SMITH'S LIST, 1897.

B. F. George,	\$11 50	
Frances McCroken,	1 95	
Geo. Smith, paid in R. I.,	1 95	
H. A. Jeandrault,	1 95	
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SMITH'S LIST, 1898.

L. H. Adams,	\$1 98	
Richard Crimmins,	1 98	
Thomas McGrail, paid in Mass.,	1 98	
D. P. Noyes, paid in Henniker,	1 98	
Herbert Pillsbury, " Sutton,	1 98	
George Smith, " R. I.,	1 98	
S. M. Taylor, over-tax,	10 88	
Joseph Hanslie,	6 93	
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		\$47 05

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Mrs. Mary Smith's note,	\$1,700 00	
Bonded Debt,	4,700 00	
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Against this we have the following:

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$1,139 99	
Uncollected taxes,	946 30	
Net liabilities,	4,313 71	
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Net liabilities, 1899,	\$4,313 71
" 1898,	4,065 03
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Increase of debt,	\$248 68

H. A. EATON, M. M. GEORGE, CHAS. H. KIMBALL,	}	Selectmen.
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We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Road Agent, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. M. CHENEY, A. W. PIERCE,	}	Auditors.
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the School District of the Town of Bennington for the Year ending Feb. 15, '99.

Arthur W. Pierce, Treasurer, to the District, DR.

Cash balance in the treasury, Feb. 15, 1898,	\$126 61
Note of Nathan Whitney,	300 00
Cash from G. A. Whittemore, Town Treas. :—	
Amount required by law,	635 00
Amount appropriated for school purposes,	580 00
Received of Greenfield School Board,	3 00
Note of Nathan Whitney for interest,	12 00
From sale of counters,	4 10
From sale of books and slates,	60
Cash interest on notes Nathan Whitney,	2 50
Cash for notes of Nathan Whitney,	312 00
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	\$1,975 81

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By cash paid Miss Charlotte E. Balch,	\$150 00
Miss Blanche E. Cooley,	114 00
Miss Sarah F. Weston,	144 00
John Ladd,	81 60
Miss Edith A. Ladd,	90 00
Miss L. H. A. Burleigh,	147 25
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	\$726 85

Cash paid for Books and Supplies :

Ginn & Co.,	\$75 56
C. E. Eastman,	23 36
J. L. Hammett Co.,	9 39
D. C. Heath,	7 50
Freight and express on books and supplies,	5 33
R. E. Lane,	4 24
Geo. F. King & Co.,	1 30
S. R. Leland & Son,	1 29
Money order fees,	1 29
Miss Charlotte E. Balch,	40
Miss Sarah F. Weston,	38
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	\$130 04

Cash paid for care of School Houses,

Fuel,	\$40 80
	78 64
Repairs,	40 91
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	\$160 35

Cash paid for Miscellaneous Expenses :

Mrs. Nancy A. Travis, carrying pupils,	\$24 00
S. D. Downes, water rent,	7 00
George S. Perry Co., chairs,	6 00
Postage,	1 00
S. B. Strickland,	30
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	\$38 30

Cash paid for fitting up New School House :

John L. King, labor and material,	\$215 00
George S. Perry & Co., furniture,	48 00
W. C. & F. C. Starrett, labor and material,	29 40

Cash paid George W. Hunt, stove,	\$23 00
H. P. Kimball, paint,	8 70
George A. Dickey, labor,	8 60
George O. Joslin, supplies,	8 31
Gilman Foote, labor,	7 60
E. W. Baker, insurance,	6 00
Waldo Brothers, blackboard cement,	4 00
J. C. Butterfield, making blackboard,	3 00
Freight on furniture,	1 67
Recording deed,	62
P. O. money orders,	25

\$364 15

Notes of Nathan Whitney cancelled,	\$312 00
Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1899,	244 12

\$1,975 81

Funds due School District, Feb. 15, 1899:

From Town,—

Literary fund,	\$78 60
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Dog license,	88 26
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From John Robertson, for tuition,	\$19 75
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Less credit by 3 cords wood,	9 00
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10 75

\$177 61

ARTHUR W. PIERCE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we have examined the above report of the School Treasurer, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRED H. KIMBALL,	} Auditors.
ROYAL V. KNIGHT,	

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

Perley F. Bartlett,
 Walter J. Burnham,
 James F. Cody,
 Willie J. Knowles,
 Edwin F. Sawyer,
 Fred J. Smith,
 Oscar S. Starrett,
 Mary J. Cody,
 Elsie M. Kimball,
 Lena M. Nourse,

Harry W. Brown,
 Willie A. Cashion,
 Robert M. Cody,
 Lee F. Rogers,
 George T. Sawyer,
 James Stakem,
 Nellie M. Adams,
 Helen F. Fleming,
 Lela G. Langley,
 Helen M. Holt.

Fall Term.

Carl D. Burnham,
 Willie J. Knowles,
 Lorenzo D. Smith,
 Elizabeth M. E. Fish,
 Eva R. Wilson,

Willie A. Cashion,
 Micajah F. Smith,
 Fred J. Smith,
 Gertrude E. Murphy,
 Clara L. Winn.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

Carl D. Burnham,
 Mary J. Knowles,
 Bernice Myhaver,

Morris E. Knight,
 Anna B. Kossbiel,
 Richard R. Scott.

Fall Term.

Augustus Cleary,
 Anna B. Kossbiel,
 Mary J. Knowles,

George S. Fish,
 Elsie M. Fish,
 Winnie G. Smith.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

Emma J. Coburn,
Edith M. Bartlett,
Bertha E. Nourse,

Nina B. Cheney,
Mary A. Griswold,
George H. King.

Fall Term.

Walter J. Burnham,
Lee F. Rogers,
Emma J. Coburn,

George H. King,
Nellie M. Adams,
Lela G. Langley.

NORTH SCHOOL.

Spring Term.

Herbert C. Bemis,
Robert Bemis,

Will Bemis,
Fred Bemis.

Fall Term.

Will Bemis,

Althea Curtis,
Susie Curtis.

No. of School.	Term.	Name of Teacher.	W'ks of School.	No. of Scholars.	Av. Attendance.	Male.	Female.	No. visits Citiz'ns	Wages per Mo.
1	Spring	Edith A. Ladd,	10	29	23	9	14	23	\$36
1	"	Charlotte E. Balch,	10	40	38	17	21	39	30
1	"	Blanche E. Cooley,	10	41	34	16	18	30	24
2	"	Sarah F. Weston,	12	20	18	9	9	33	24
1	Fall	L. H. A. Burleigh,	8	34	30	14	16	6	36
1	"	Charlotte E. Balch,	8	33	28	12	16	20	30
1	"	Blanche E. Cooley,	8	35	28	12	16	19	24
2	"	Sarah F. Weston,	12	19	14	7	7	13	24

The winter school is still in session and will be reported next year.

F. C. STARRETT,	{	School Board
CHARLES F. BURNHAM,		of
ROBERT KNOWLES,		Bennington.

Library Report.

The Library is quite well patronized, 109 persons taking out books.

Sixty-nine volumes have been added this year, 8 being presented by Mrs. Nathan Whitney, and 61 purchased by the town.

There are now 1,369 volumes in the Library, most of them being in good condition. Work has been commenced on a new catalogue, which will, we hope, add greatly to the usefulness and convenience of the Library.

JOHN FLAGG,	}	Trustees.
HENRY W. WILSON,		
A. W. PIERCE,		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898,	\$38 42
Received from Librarian,	12 50
Received from Town Treasurer,	63 10
	<hr/> \$114 02

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By Cash paid James E. Abbe for books,	\$41 00
Books from other sources,	8 80
New shelves and steps,	4 05
Miscellaneous supplies,	1 98
Express on books,	95
Postage and money orders,	36
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1899,	56 88
	<hr/> \$114 02

A. W. PIERCE, Treasurer.

Report of Firewards.

The Board of Firewards submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 15, 1899:

Merrimack Engine, No. 1, in good condition.

250 feet linen jacket rubber lined hose, in good condition.

300 feet cotton jacket rubber lined hose, in fair condition.

50 feet cotton jacket rubber lined hose, in fair condition.

150 feet doubled riveted leather hose, old and nearly worthless.

1 Babcock fire extinguisher, in Town Hall.

1 Five-gallon extinguisher, in Engine House.

1 Fire hook, lanterns, rubber coats, etc., in Engine House in good condition.

We have to report two fires for the year,—

May 9, a barn and ell on land of Henry J. Burtt situated east of Jacque's brook, with enclosed farming tools, were completely burned. The fire engine was not called out.

October 5, about 4 a. m., the fire department was called out to fight a fire in the house owned by S. B. Strickland. They succeeded in saving the house, in a damaged state, but the attached barn was a total loss.

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL V. KNIGHT,	} Firewards.
W. F. MALLETT,	
ARTHUR W. PIERCE,	

Report of the Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery, 1898.

We beg leave to report the Cemetery in good condition. We have sold six (6) plats this year. Three persons have been buried here,—Amos Eaton, William H. Odell and Ellery Nourse.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

DR.		
To Cash on hand Feb. 15,	\$3 00	
received from sale of plats,	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$23 00
CR.		
By paying Cram Brothers, cleaning		
Cemetery,	\$2 25	
Anne B. Kimball, copy-		
ing records,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$3 25
Balance in hands of Trustees,		<hr/> \$19 75

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. KIMBALL, JOHN C. DODGE, ALBERT B. LAWRENCE,	}	Trustees.
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Report of Sexton.

For the Year ending February 15, 1899, for the Town of Bennington.

Name.	Age.	Died.	Disease.	Place of Interment.
Mary E. Scarbo,	22-8-29	March 20,	Drowned.	Bennington.
Meatrice Clery,	3-8-18	" 22,	Gangrene of bowels.	Peterborough.
Amos Eaton,	70-8-8	May 7,	Gangrene.	Bennington.
Abram S. Burt,	84-	" 18,	Advanced age, la grippe.	"
Wm. H. Johnston,	63-4-22	June 10,	Charbuncle.	"
Wm. H. Odell,	50-1-24	" 15,	Bright's dis., hemorrhage.	"
*Henry S. Whittemore,	48-11	July 27,	Broncho pneumonia.	Chicago, Ill.
Infant,	18 hrs.	Aug. 3,	Ashamia.	Bennington.
Joseph P. Henslei,	45-6-17	Nov. 18,	Pulmonary tuberculosis.	Peterborough.
*James Foote,	89-10-7	Jan. 9, '99,	Pneumonia.	Keene.
Richard Crimmins,	Unkn'w.	" 15,	Pulmonary tuberculosis.	Bennington.
Ellery Nourse,	50-7-27	Feb. 1,	Consumption.	"
Fred Spofford Winn,	3-11-	" 11,	La grippe, heart failure.	Merrimack.

* Brought here for interment.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1898.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 13,	Michael Joseph.....	M.	Patrick F. Cody.....	Mary J. Cashion.....	Bennington	Mechanic.....	Ireland.....	Greenfield.
" 15,	Walter D.....	L.	Dennis P. Cleary.....	Mary O'Malley.....	"	"	Long Island, N. Y.....	So. Framingham, Mass.
" 19,	Edward.....	"	John P. Mallet.....	Annie L. Denean.....	"	"	Nova Scotia.....	Nova Scotia.
Feb. 17,	Emma L.....	F.	Carl Saner.....	Lena Hoffe.....	"	"	Switzerland.....	Switzerland.
" 21,	Wilford Jerome.....	S-b	Walter E. Chambers.....	Mary E. Mossia.....	"	Farmer.....	Hartland, Vt.....	Mt. Hadley, Vt.
Mar. 18,	Walter Gotlieb.....	L	Samuel H. Newton.....	Mary L. Harris.....	"	Mechanic.....	Bennington.....	Framingham, Mass.
" 22,	Ferdinand Dobbler.....	"	Richard Holeran.....	Josephine Mier.....	"	Laborer.....	Switzerland.....	Switzerland.
Apr. 4,	Richard Holeran.....	"	Richard Haas.....	Addie Mill.....	"	Grinder.....	Wakefield, R. I.....	Shelburne Falls, Mass.
July 6,	Albert Anundson.....	"	Albert Moore.....	Olga Eskard.....	"	Laborer.....	Switzerland.....	Switzerland.
July 12,	Gladys M.....	"	A. G. Moore.....	Katherine Finley.....	"	"	Ireland.....	Ireland.
Aug. 2,	Infant.....	"	Unknown.....	Dora Hall.....	"	Laborer.....	Switzerland.....	Bennington.
" 14,	Wilbur F.....	M.	Joseph B. Diamond.....	Amelia Diamond.....	"	"	Switzerland.....	Switzerland.
Oct. 13,	Fred Spoford.....	"	Fred E. Winn.....	Sarah C. Moulton.....	"	Clergyman.....	Hudson.....	Meriden.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1898.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of Groom & Bride.	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Jan. 12,	Hillsboro'	Patrick F. Cody.....	Bennington...	23	Mechanic...	Ireland.....	Michael Cody.....	.....	.....	I	D. W. Fitzgerald, Catholic Priest, Hillsborough.
" 31,	"	Mary J. Cashion.....	"	21	.....	Greenfield....	Ellen Coughlin.....	.....	.....	I	"
" 31,	"	Leo Grolemond.....	"	27	Mechanic...	Switzerland...	Ellen Cashion.....	.....	.....	I	D. W. Fitzgerald, Catholic Priest, Hillsborough.
June 29,	Bennin't'n	Katie Meyer.....	Peterboro'....	26	Housek'p'r.	"	Leon Grolemond... Robert Meyer..... Katie Hart Meyer...	Switzerland.... " " " "	..... ..... .....	I	D. W. Fitzgerald, Catholic Priest, Hillsborough.
June 29,	Bennin't'n	Fred U. Sargent.....	Bennington...	31	Mechanic...	Bradford.....	Frank B. Sargent... Margaret Sargent... Amos Eaton..... Alfia J. Martin.....	Bradford..... " " " " " "	Mechanic... " " " " Housekeep'r	I	Fred E. Winn, Cong. clergyman, Bennington.
Aug. 3,	Millford...	Archie L. Rogers.....	"	21	Clerk	Hillsboro'....	August Rogers..... Nellie M. Kimball... Taylor D. Lakin..... Augusta A. Dale..... Win. C. Traxler..... Lucretia Bartlett.... James W. Jones..... Ida M. Keeser.....	Lebanon..... Henniker..... " " " " " " " " " " " "	Salesman... Housekeep'r Stati'n Agent Laborer..... Housekeep'r Publisher....	I	A. J. Rich, Clergyman, Milford.
Dec. 27,	Bennin't'n	Frank G. Traxler.....	Bennington...	31	Mechanic...	Mansfield, O..	Win. C. Traxler..... Lucretia Bartlett.... James W. Jones..... Ida M. Keeser.....	Francetown.... Delaware, O.. " "	Housekeep'r " " " "	I	Fred E. Winn, Cong. clergyman, Bennington.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1898.

Date	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.	S. M. W. D.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Years.	Months.					Father.	Mother.			
Feb. 8	Hiram J. Combs.....	67	.. 24	Antrim.....	M.	W.	Farmer..	Antrim.....	Antrim.....	Jesse Combs.....	Achsah Cram.....	Apoplexy.
" 13	George C. Cady.....	69	8 23	Alstead.....	"	"	Mechanic.	Alstead.....	Alstead.....	James B. Cady.....	Betsy Munroe.....	Paralysis.
Mar. 20	Mary E. Scarbo.....	22	8 29	East Unity.....	F.	S.	"	Canada.....	Troy.....	Midas Scarbo.....	Sophia Mitchell.....	Drowned.
" 22	Beatrice Cleary.....	3	8 18	Bennington.....	"	"	"	L. Isl'nd N. Y.	S. Fram'n'ms	Dennis Cleary.....	Mary O. Malley.....	Gangrene of bowels.
May 7	Amos Eaton.....	70	8 8	"	M.	M.	Laborer..	Greenfield..	Greenfield..	Nathaniel Eaton.....	Emma Pollard.....	Gangrene.
" 18	Abram Burr.....	84	.. ..	"	"	"	Farmer..	Andover, Mass	Andover, Mass	Benj. Burr.....	Abigail Stickney.....	Advanced age.
June 10	William H. Johnson..	63	4 22	Southbridge, Mas	"	"	Printer..	Warren, R. I.	Smithfield, R.I	Wm. S. Johnson.....	Mary Munsey.....	Carbuncle.
" 15	William H. Odell.....	50	1 24	Mt. Vernon.....	"	"	Machinist	Amherst.....	Mt. Vernon...	Luther Odell.....	Susan Richardson...	Bright's dis., hemor.
Aug. 3	Infant.....	.. ..	.. ..	Bennington.....	"	"	"	Unknown	Bennington...	Unknown.....	Dora Hall.....	Ashtenia.
Oct. 22	Wilbur F. Diamond ..	.. ..	2 29	"	"	"	"	Switzerland..	Switzerland..	Joseph Diamond.....	Amelia Diamond.....	Cholera infantum.
Nov. 18	Joseph P. Henslie.....	45	6 17	Switzerland.....	"	M.	Mechanic.	"	"	Joseph Henslie.....	Elizabeth Kohler...	Pulmonary tubercol.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

CYRUS H. PHILBRICK, Town Clerk.

MAY 15 1992